Sullivan County Delegation: Executive Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2010 8:30 AM

Location: Remington Woodhull County Complex 14 Main Street, Newport NH 03773 1st Floor – Commissioners' Conference Room

EFC Members Present:

Representatives Suzanne Gottling, John Cloutier, Philip

"Joe" Osgood, Beverly Rodeschin and Jim McClammer

(McClammer arrived at 8:44 a.m.).

County Elected Officials and Employees Present:

Commissioner Ethel Jarvis and County Administrator Greg Chanis.

Public Present:

Ann Nielsen.

EFC meeting Chair, Rep. Gottling, called meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

Mr. Chanis reviewed a handout with the EFC "Sullivan County Historical Tax Data". He then reviewed "FY 2011 Budget Adjustments 4/21/10" with EFC.

Rep. McClammer entered meeting 8:44 a.m.

All the EFC members then stated their opinions as to what their final goals for the Final Year 2011 Budget are.

Commissioner Jarvis left meeting around 9:20 a.m.

Mr. Chanis said that in order to have a 0% overall property tax increase in the County budget, a total of \$700,700 would have to be cut from the Commissioners proposed fiscal year 2011 budget.

Mr. Chanis then started to review expense side of the proposed budget starting with Commissioners Office. Then reviewed budgets of County Treasurer and Auditor.

Rep. McClammer left meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Next, EFC reviewed the budget of the County Administrator with Mr. Chanis. Mr. Chanis then explained the \$3,000 performance increase section of the budget is an item that the Commissioners inserted to help him eventually catch up with the salary of Sullivan County Health Care Administrator, Ted Purdy, whom he supervises. Also questioned the amount of \$270 dues budgeted in N.H. Municipal Association membership, which is budgeted under the Commissioners' budget.

EFC then quickly reviewed budgets for Payroll Office and Incentive Funds. Then looked at budget for Conservation District. Several questions were asked about Conservation District, and whether it is a necessary department of County government. Mr. Chanis replied that the County doesn't have to pay for the Conservation District.

In discussing the proposed Fiscal Year 2011 Budget \$15,000 Emergency Reserve Fund, Mr. Chanis mentioned the Fiscal Year 2010 Budget Emergency Reserve Fund, of \$15,000, is used up helping to pay for a recent oil tank leak at Unity's Sullivan County Complex.

Commissioner [Jarivs] returned to meeting at 10:36 a.m.

Next EFC reviewed Account Budget, then the County Attorney's budget. Mr. Chanis answered questions about the year half-time position in the County Attorney's Office, which will be shared with the Registry of Deeds.

Then reviewed the Victim Witness Budget and skipped over Sheriff's budget.

Rep. Osgood left meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Next reviewed Medical Referee's Budget.

EFC then reviewed the Court House Budget with Mr. Chanis, followed by the Cooperative Extension Service Budget.

EFC quickly discussed agenda for next meeting on Tues., June 15.

Rep. Rodeschin moved, Rep. Cloutier seconded a motion to adjourn, which was approved at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John R. Cloutier, Acting Clerk Executive Finance Committee

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